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Hi Joe and Vickie,

I'm writing to urge you to support HB 5011: AN ACT EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CERTAIN INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT POOLS. There is a Public Hearing on this bill tomorrow, Tuesday Feb. 9, 2010 at 1PM.

I want to thank you both for voting in favor of this bill last year (it was HB 5442 at the time) when it passed the committee unanimously and the House with only three negative votes. It then went to the Senate where it died due to a dispute over the rules for the special budget session that was opened at 12:01 AM and adjourned.

Below is an excerpt from an email I sent you last year explaining my rationale for asking you to support this bill...it still applies.

" Bethany has directly benefited from the competitive marketplace for purchasing public liability insurance, property and casualty insurance, workers' compensation insurance and excess risk insurance.

When I was first elected in 2003 the Town of Bethany was involved with an ongoing Workers' Compensation case that was being handled by CIRMA, our Risk Management Agency at the time of the incident.

The Town changed from CIRMA to MIRMA in 2003 prior to my election.

We had a similar incident with a different employee in 2004 under MIRMA as our Risk Management Agency.

In both cases the employees, members of the road crew, were town residents; in both cases the employees claimed to be "unable" to work, but indeed were working at various odd-jobs around town repairing cars, trackers, lawnmowers and the like. Under CIRMA, we ended up in court, several town employees had to go to court to testify leaving us under-staffed for days. It resulted in a positive outcome; but it dragged on for several years.

Under MIRMA, the employee was thoroughly investigated and chose to resign. The resolution of that claim was swift and decisive.

As you know, we had a major claim just this past summer when a dead tree limb fell on the head of a member of our road crew. MIRMA has been very, very responsive in a very difficult situation. MIRMA agreed to change the Case Manager when the wife of the employee felt under-served by her current Case Manager.

My understanding is that this bill proposes an extension of five years on the capitalization requirement. I believe that the Town of Bethany has benefited from our association with MIRMA. They came in at a lower bid and they have provided excellent service."

As always, thank you for your continued support on issues that effect Bethany residents.

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